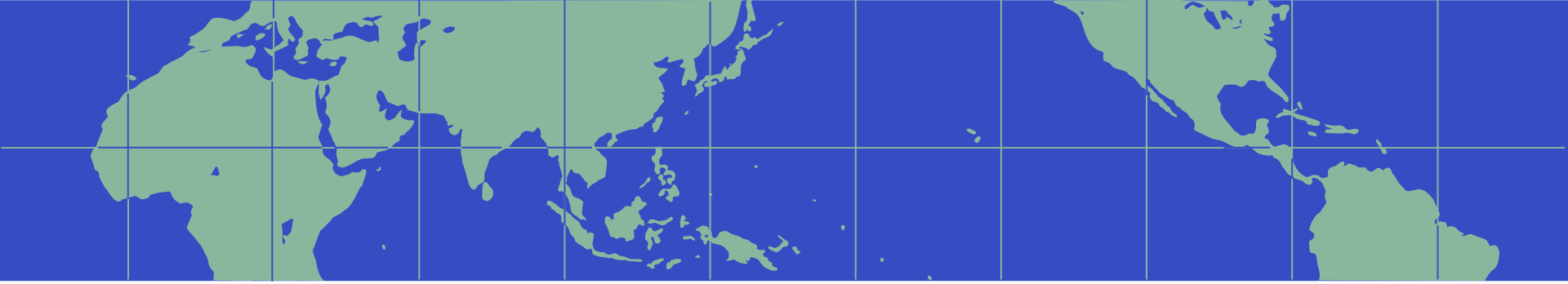

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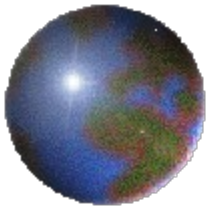

Training for Federal Credit Card Holders

RCRA 6002, EO 13101 and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Federal Government's Mandatory 'Buy Recycled' Program

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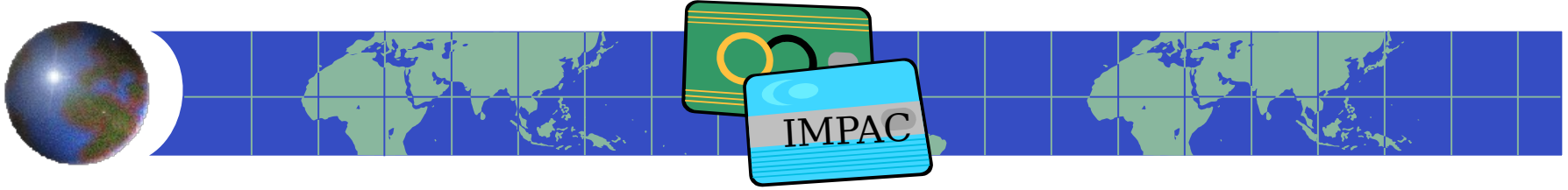


Affirmative Procurement

- **Driven by Federal Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA), Executive Order (EO) 13101 & AFI 32-7080**

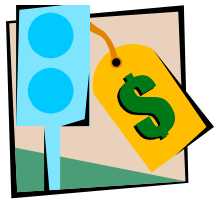
  Affirmative Procurement (AP) is the purchase of environmentally preferable products manufactured from recycled and reclaimed materials. These products are identified by The **USDAs** AARC Biobased Products “Source Book” which lists biobased products and their manufacturer and **EPAs** Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines (CPG) also known as “Guideline Items” currently at over 50 designated Guideline Items grouped into eight categories.

AP Benefits

- Creates recycling markets
- Saves energy
- Conserves resources
- Saves money
- Saves landfill space
- Reduces pollution

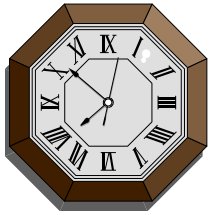
Purchasing recycled products is the key to completing the recycling loop!

Exemptions



Price

Performance

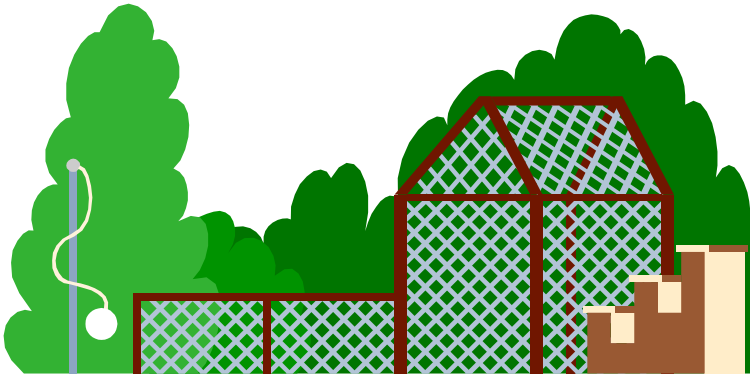


Availability

- According to RCRA, procuring agencies must follow the CPGs **unless the product**:
  - Is available at an unreasonable price
  - Will not meet reasonable performance standards
  - Is unavailable within a reasonable timeframe at a sufficient level of competition

Federal EPAs CPG Categories are…

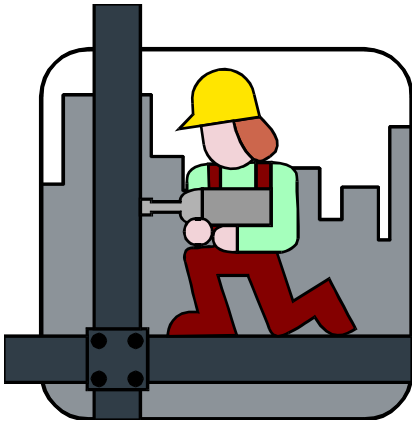
1- Construction
2- Landscaping
3- Non-paper Office
4- Paper and Paper Products
5- Parks and Recreation
6- Transportation
7- Vehicular
8- Miscellaneous



1- CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS

DESIGNATED ITEMS:

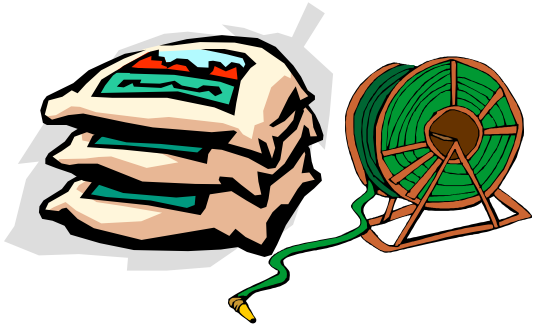
- Building insulation
- Carpet
- Cement and concrete
- Consolidated and reprocessed latex paint
- Floor tiles
- Laminated paperboard
- Patio blocks
- Shower and restroom dividers
- Structural fiberboard
- Carpet cushion
- Flowable fill
- Railroad grade crossings/surfaces

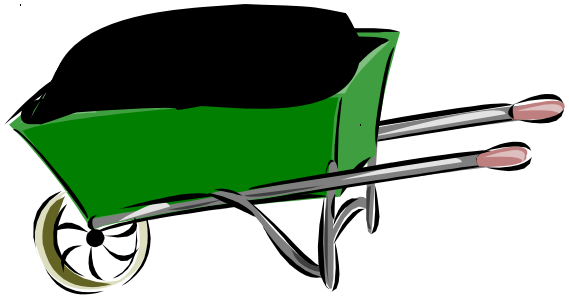


2- LANDSCAPING PRODUCTS

DESIGNATED ITEMS:

- Garden and soaker hoses
- Hydraulic mulch
- Lawn and garden edging
- Yard trimmings compost
- Food waste compost
- Landscaping timbers and posts (plastic lumber)

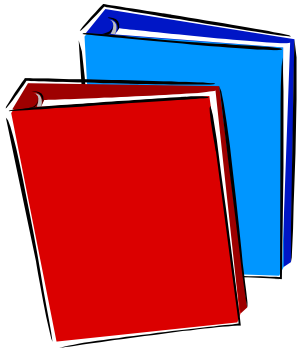




3- NON-PAPER OFFICE PRODUCTS

DESIGNATED ITEMS:

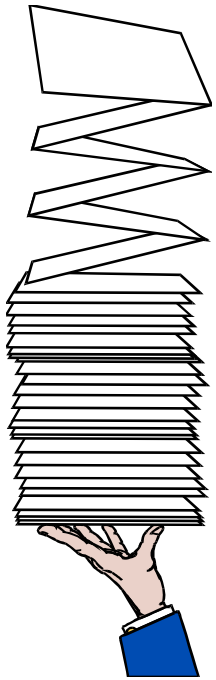
- Binders (paper, plastic covered)
- Office recycling containers
- Office waste receptacles
- Plastic desktop accessories
- Plastic envelopes
- Plastic trash bags
- Printer ribbons
- Toner cartridges
- Solid plastic binders
- Plastic clipboards
- Plastic clip portfolios
- Plastic file folders
- Plastic presentation folders



4- PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCTS

DESIGNATED ITEMS:

- Commercial/industrial sanitary tissue products
- Miscellaneous papers
- Newsprint
- Paperboard and packaging products
- Printing and writing papers



5- PARK AND RECREATION PRODUCTS

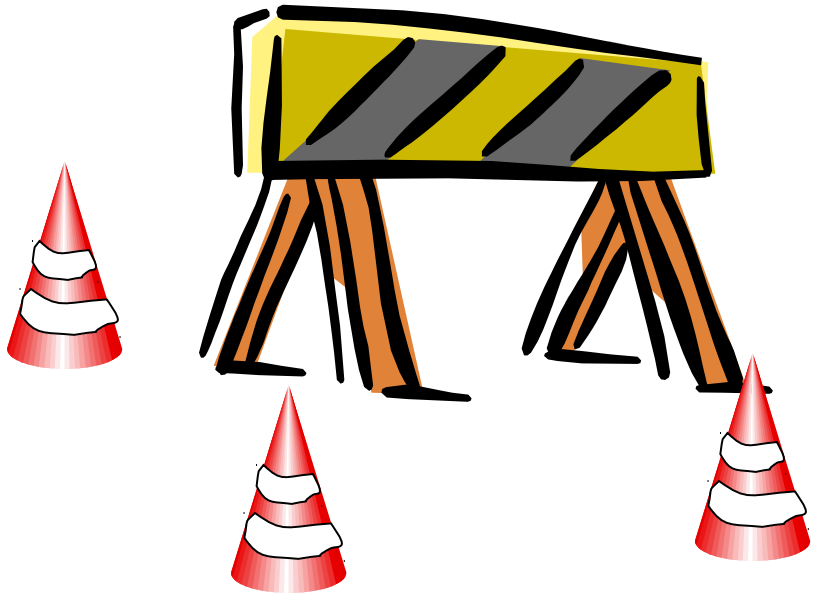
DESIGNATED ITEMS:

- Plastic fencing
- Playground surfaces
- Running tracks
- Park and recreational furniture
- Playground equipment

6- TRANSPORTATION PRODUCTS

DESIGNATED ITEMS:

- Channelizers
- Delineators
- Flexible delineators
- Parking stops
- Traffic barricades
- Traffic cones



7- VEHICULAR PRODUCTS

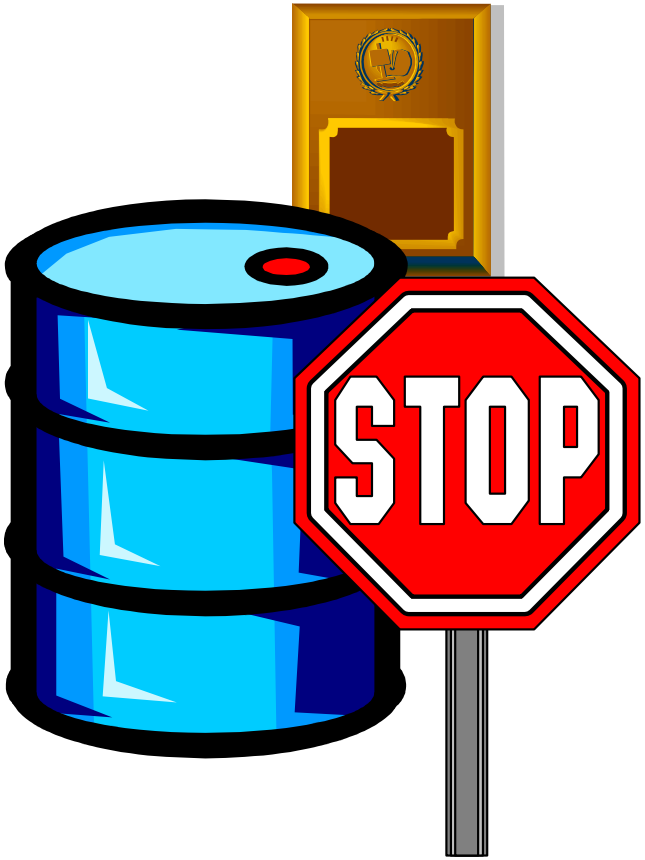
DESIGNATED ITEMS:

- Engine coolants
- Re-refined lubricating oils
- Retread tires

8- MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS

DESIGNATED ITEMS:

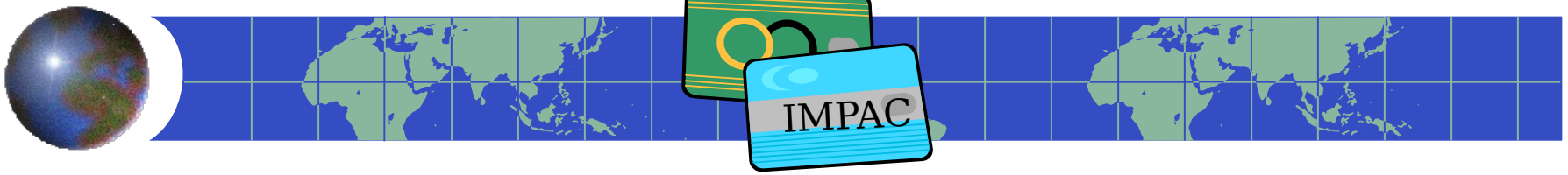
- Pallets
- Sorbents
- Awards and plaques
- Industrial drums
- Mats
- Signage, including supports
- Strapping and stretch wrap



Where Can These Products Be Found?

- Government Supply Sources
  - General Services Administration (GSA)*
  - Defense Logistics Agency (DLA)*
  - Government Printing Office (GPO)*
  - Federal Logistics Information System (FLIS)
  - Your Supply Store
  - JWOD
  - UNICOR

*These agencies have automatic substitution (paper and re-refined oil) and also report all federal purchases up the chain!



AP Made Easy…

- Use The Web
  - **For Information**
    - EPA: www.epa.gov/cpg
  - **To Search for Products**
    - GSA www.gsa.gov
    - DLA www.dscr.dla.mil
    - EPA http://notes.erg.com/
    - USDA http://www.usda.gov/aarc/aarcsrbk.html
    - CA Waste Management Board's Recycled Content Database: www.ciwmb.ca.gov/rcp/

How Will Purchases of EPA-Designated Items be Monitored?

- EPA RCRA Inspections
- EPA Facility Questionnaires
- Reporting of Purchases
- IG Inspections
- ECAMP inspections

What Should You Do?

- Keep the list of CPG items handy – refer to it when making purchases
- Maximize your purchases of recycled-content items by
  - Searching for recycled-content products in catalog and online sources
  - Requesting recycled-content items from your vend
- Document noncompliant purchases (those not meeting recycled-content requirements) over $2,500 (for reasons of price, performance, or availability)